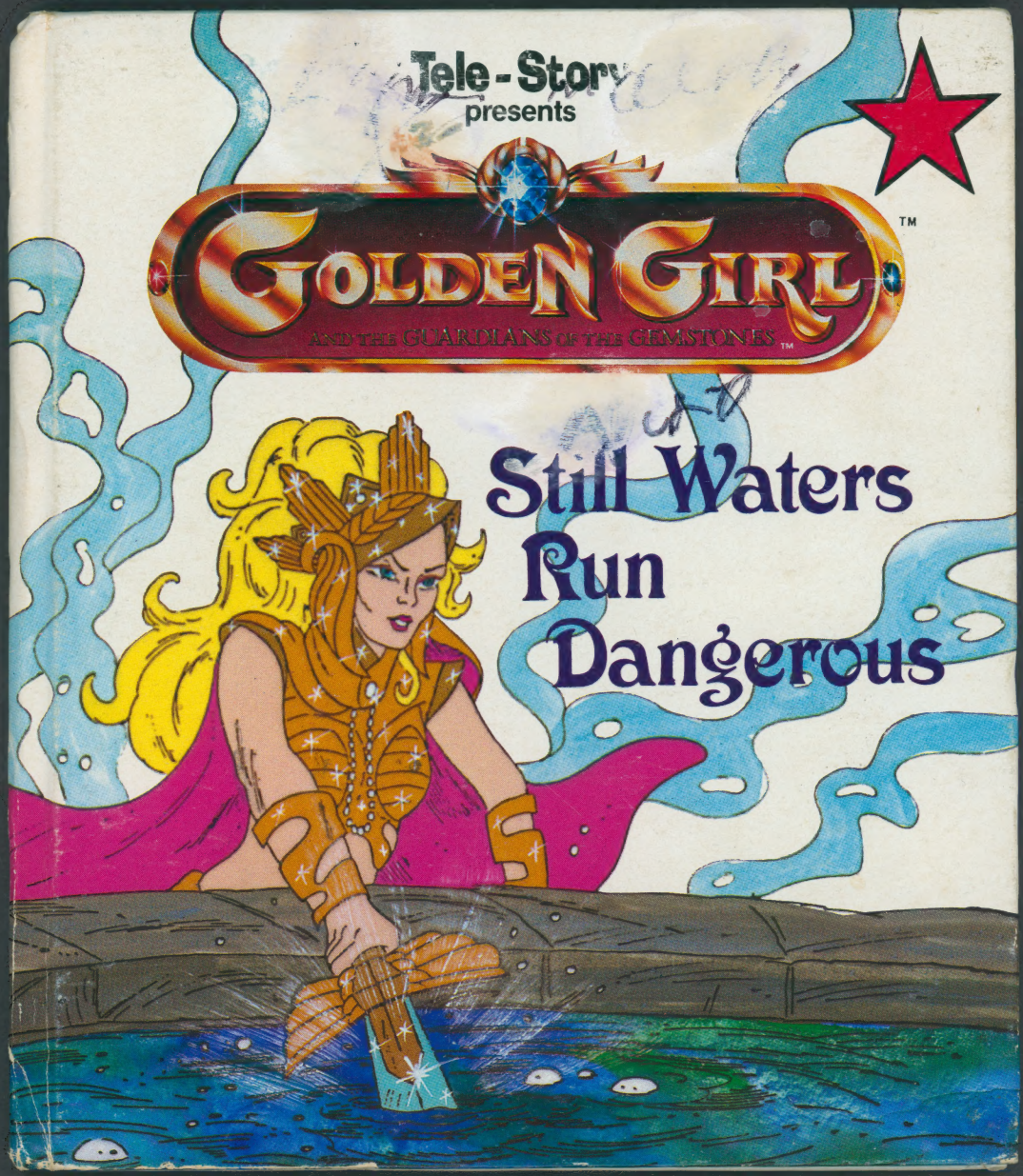
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One morning in the Palace of Jewels on Argonia, Golden Girl called together her friends, Saphire, Rubee and Jade.

"I'm worried about Onyx. I wonder where she could be."

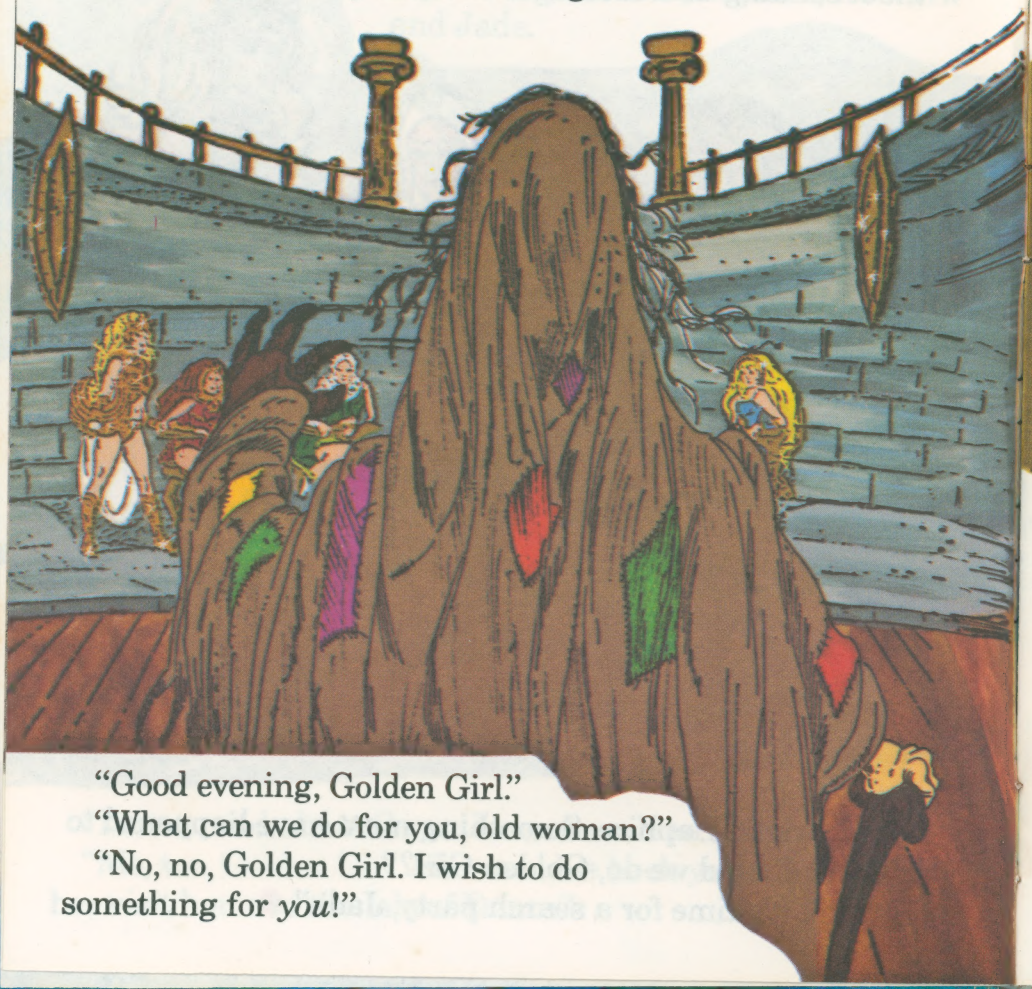
"Me, too, Golden Girl. She was due back yesterday from her visit home to the Isle of Dunes."

"Well, Saphire, we know one thing for sure. It's not like Onyx to be late without sending us a message."

"You're right, Saphire. Something must have happened to her. What should we do, Golden Girl?"

"I think it's time for a search party, Jade."

Before Golden Girl could say another word, there was a loud knock at the front door…Jade answered it, and soon led in a beggar-lady dressed in rags.



"Good evening, Golden Girl."

"What can we do for you, old woman?"

"No, no, Golden Girl. I wish to do something for *you*!"

The old woman removed her hat and ragged cloak, revealing herself to be none other than Vultura, hated ally of the evil Dragon Queen.

"So it's you, Vultura! And just what is it you wish to do for us?"

"Golden Girl, do my eyes deceive me, or is one of the Guardians missing? Everyone is here but…"

"Onyx! What have you done with her, Vultura?"

"Me? I have done nothing with her, Golden Girl, but perhaps you should speak with Dragon Queen."

Vultura then placed a magic crystal on the Shield of Stones. Suddenly, the image of the wicked Dragon Queen appeared before Golden Girl.

"I should have known you were behind this, Dragon Queen. Where's Onyx?"

"Well, my dear, it so happens my Seeing Pool showed me Onyx returning home to Argonia last night. Her boat was no match for my Dragon-ship. Do not worry, my dear, she has not been harmed."

"You must have kidnapped Onyx for a reason, Dragon Queen. What is it?"

"I want your half of the Gemstone. Bring it to me at once, or you'll never see Onyx again!"

"How do I know you really have her, Dragon Queen?"

"You'll have to come and see for yourself, now won't you? And just to make sure your other friends stay right where they are, I'll be watching the harbor in my Seeing Pool. Now, get the Gemstone, Golden Girl, and be quick!"

The moment Dragon Queen's image disappeared, Vultura snatched up the crystal and hurried out of the room. Rubee turned to Golden Girl in alarm.

"You can't give Dragon Queen our half of the Gemstone!"

"I agree. Once Dragon Queen adds our stone to the missing half, no one will be able to stop her evil designs! Jade, you know what she's capable of doing."

"I do, Saphire, but we can't leave Onyx at the mercy of Dragon Queen."

"My friends, everything you've said is true. That's why we must all work together to save Onyx, *and* the Gemstone at the same time. I've got an idea. It's risky, but it may work. While Vultura takes me to Dragon Keep, you three leave the palace through the secret underground passage. There's a fast ship moored a mile up the coast, *beyond* the harbor."

"Good plan, Golden Girl. Dragon Queen will never see us leaving the back way, as long as she's watching the harbor."

"Right, Jade. Just remember…there is strength in togetherness. Now, let's go! There's no time to lose!"

As Golden Girl and Vultura sailed for the Deadlands, the Guardians sneaked out of the palace, boarded the ship and set sail for Dragon Keep. Before long, they stood on shore, gazing up at the fortress high above them.

"How are we ever going to scale this cliff? It goes straight up, and the sides are as smooth as glass!"

"Remember what Golden Girl said about togetherness, Rubee... I'll notch out footholds with my sapphire-tipped spear."

"Great idea, Saphire! Then we can climb on each other's shoulders till we reach the top."

Once they had climbed the cliff, the Guardians then faced the high walls of the castle itself. Jade pulled out her emerald-handled whip and lashed out at a turret on top of the wall. While Jade held onto the bottom, the others scaled the wall to its summit. Then they quickly hoisted up their mate to the top… ●

The Guardians then followed a long, winding staircase down deep into the dungeon. Saphire stopped them at the entrance.

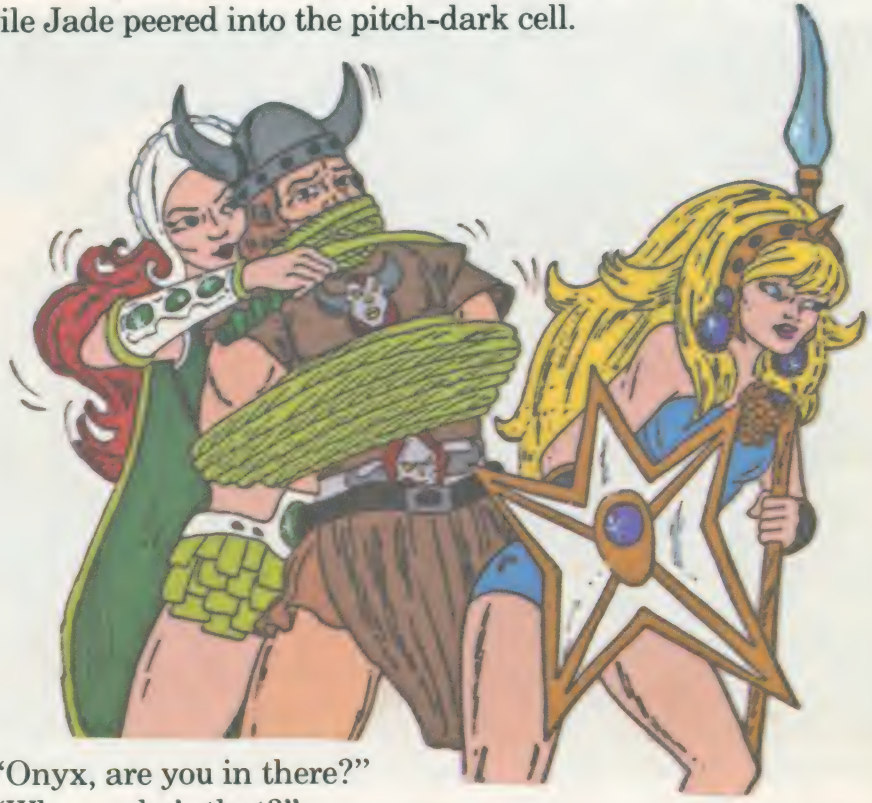
"Rubee, keep watch while Jade and I try to find Onyx."
"But, shouldn't I go along, just in case..."
"Remember...togetherness."

Saphire and Jade crept silently down a long row of empty cells, until they suddenly spotted one of Dragon Queen's guards up ahead in the dark.

"Jade, it looks like it's time for you to whip up some action again."

"Right, Saphire. I'll tie up our friend over there for a moment, while you get his keys and rescue Onyx."

Before the surprised guard could even raise his sword in defense, Jade coiled her whip around him with a sharp crack…Saphire quickly gagged him and took his keys, while Jade peered into the pitch-dark cell.



"Onyx, are you in there?"
"Who…who's that?"
"Shh…it's me, Jade. Wait, I'll open the door."
"Oh, Jade…And Saphire! Am I glad to see you!"

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As the Guardians locked the guard in his own dungeon, Saphire told Onyx of Dragon Queen's plot. Onyx became worried.

"You…you mean that Golden Girl is facing Dragon Queen *alone*?"

"Right, Onyx! That's why we must find them, and *fast*!"

Meanwhile, Golden Girl was led into Dragon Queen's throne room by Vultura, who smiled at her evil leader.

"Here she is, Your Evilness. Just as you commanded."

"Well done, Vultura. Golden Girl, so nice to see you."

"Where's Onyx, Dragon Queen?"

"All in good time, Golden Girl... all in good time. Tell me, have you brought the Gemstone?"

"I have it, Dragon Queen. But, as you say, all in good time. So *this* is your famous Seeing Pool?"

"Yes, isn't it wonderful?"

"It depends on whether it's used for good or... for evil, Dragon Queen!"

"Come, come, Golden Girl! Enough of this talk! The Gemstone! Let me have it... *now*!"

Golden Girl parted her cloak and produced the Gemstone. But, before Dragon Queen could make another move, Golden Girl drew her jeweled sword.

"Not so fast, Dragon Queen! You have something I want, remember? Onyx! Where is she?"

"Oh, very well, Golden Girl. Vultura, fetch Onyx from the dungeon."

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Despite the threat of the jeweled sword, Dragon Queen suddenly reached for the Gemstone, only to knock it out of Golden Girl's hand. The stone fell into the black water of the Seeing Pool…

…and instantly disappeared, before Dragon Queen could retrieve it. ●

The water in the Seeing Pool suddenly turned into boiling acid. Dragon Queen angrily turned toward Golden Girl.

"You…you clumsy fool! Now look what you've done!"

"No, Dragon Queen! It was your greed that did it. Now neither of us has the Gemstone!"

"You'll pay dearly for this, Golden Girl! Vultura, call the guards!"

Just then, the Guardians burst into the room, taking everyone by surprise. Vultura ran for the other door, only to be stopped in her tracks by Onyx. Golden Girl was pleased to see her friend.

"Onyx, you're safe!"

"Thanks to all of you."

"Quick now, Dragon Queen's guards will be here any moment. Rubee, Saphire, you two bar the door to the guardroom. Jade, keep an eye on Dragon Queen. I have to retrieve the Gemstone before it's too late!"

As Dragon Queen and Vultura stood by helplessly,
Golden Girl plunged the point of her sword into the acid.

"Look, the Pool, it's…it's beginning to clear again!"
"Stay right where you are, Dragon Queen!"

As the waters stilled, Golden Girl could see the Gemstone shining at the bottom of the Pool. She reached in and carefully removed it. Dragon Queen could contain her rage no longer.

"The stone, it's mine! *I* am the rightful leader of the Guardians of the Gemstones!"

"No, Dragon Queen, you will never possess the Gemstone. Not so long as you continue your evil ways. Now, stand back! I'm not finished with this Seeing Pool of yours!"

Once again, Golden Girl plunged her jeweled sword into the still waters of the Seeing Pool.

"Wait! You…you can't *do* that!"

"Keep away, Dragon Queen! Jade! Lead Onyx back the way you came. Get the ship ready to sail."

Steam rose from the Seeing Pool as its waters grew hotter, and soon a burning fog began to fill the chamber.

"Saphire, Rubee! You two follow the others!"

"But, Golden Girl, what about you?!"

"I'll be right behind you, Rubee. Now do as I say!"

As Saphire and Rubee made their escape, Dragon Queen's guards broke down the door…Rushing into the room, they immediately became enveloped in the fog.

"Guards! Get Golden Girl! She's over here, near the Seeing Pool!"

"Wrong, Dragon Queen! I'm over here! And if I were you I'd forget about the Gemstone for the moment. There won't be anything left of your Seeing Pool before long!"

"Stop, Golden Girl!"

"Out of my way, Vultura!"

"Dragon Queen, she's…she's getting away with the Gemstone!"

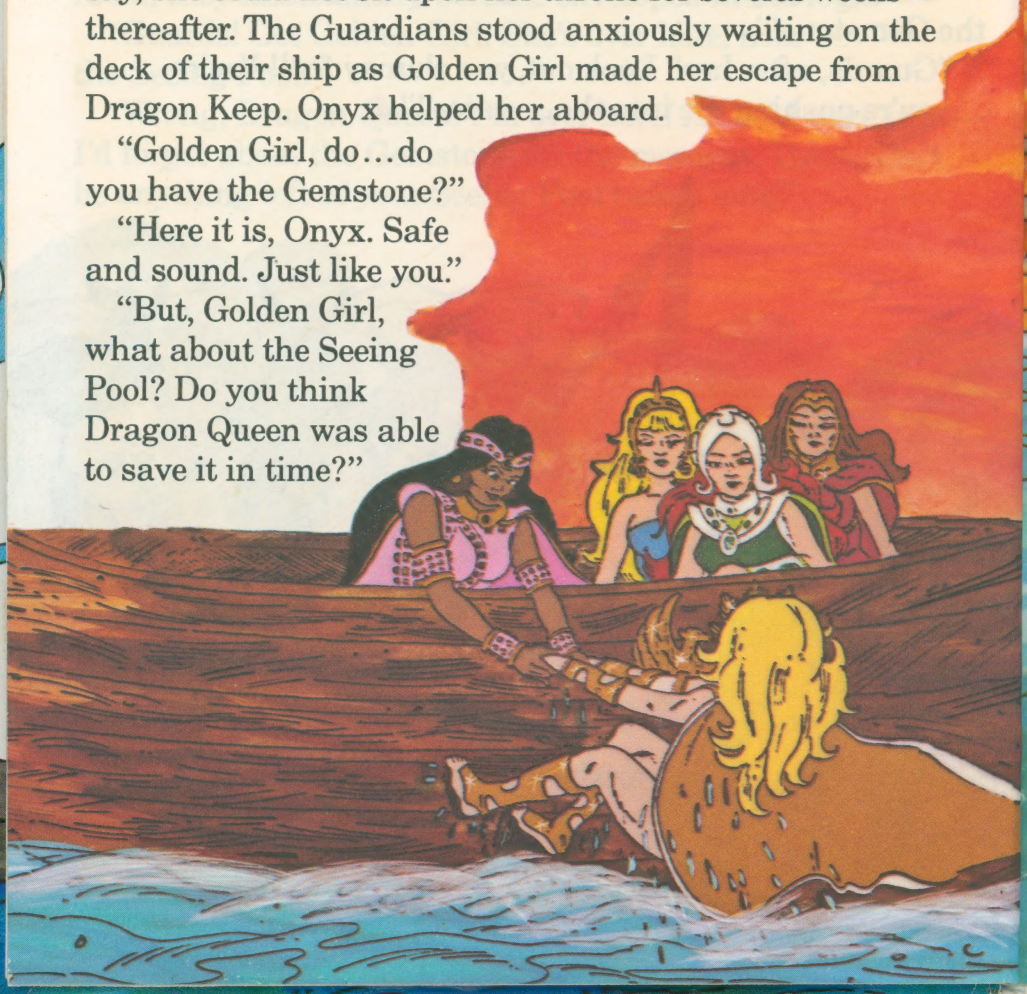
"Guards, after her!! Look out, you clumsy fool! You're …you're pushing me into the…water!!"

Even though Dragon Queen did not completely fall into the scalding water, a certain part of her did, and needless to say, she could not sit upon her throne for several weeks thereafter. The Guardians stood anxiously waiting on the deck of their ship as Golden Girl made her escape from Dragon Keep. Onyx helped her aboard.

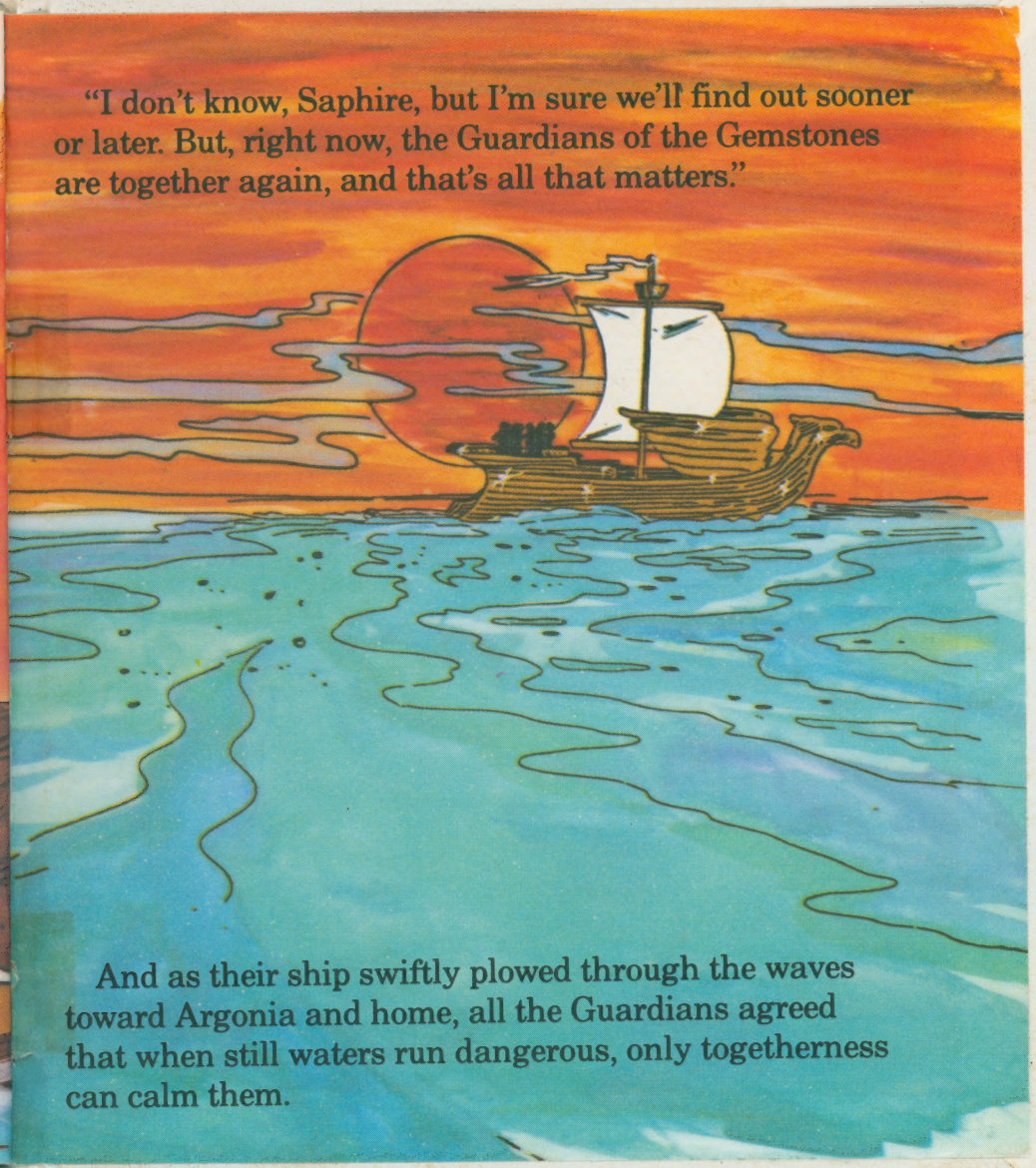
"Golden Girl, do…do you have the Gemstone?"

"Here it is, Onyx. Safe and sound. Just like you."

"But, Golden Girl, what about the Seeing Pool? Do you think Dragon Queen was able to save it in time?"



"I don't know, Saphire, but I'm sure we'll find out sooner or later. But, right now, the Guardians of the Gemstones are together again, and that's all that matters."



And as their ship swiftly plowed through the waves toward Argonia and home, all the Guardians agreed that when still waters run dangerous, only togetherness can calm them.

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